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1. IN COURSE APRIL 12 CONVERSATION IN FCO DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, ENERGY, SCIENCE, ALAN HUNT TOLD US THAT HMG HAS NOT RPT NOT HAD ANY PROPOSALS FROM JAPAN TO PUT BILATERAL EXCHANGES ON FORMAL OR REGULAR BASIS.
2. HUNT SAID PRIME MINISTER HAD STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF OIL AND ENERGY IN HIS EXCHANGES WITH TANAKA AND HAS SAID HMG WANTED TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH JAPANESE ON THIS SUBJECT. HOWEVER HMG HAD NOT TAKEN PART IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN BP AND JAPANESE AND GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT EXCHANGES HAD BEEN SO FAR LIMITED TO DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND OCCASIONAL VISITOR.
3. HUNT THOUGHT THAT IF JAPANESE PROPOSED MORE FORMAL EXCHANGES HMG WOULD BE RECEPTIVE BUT WOULD PROBABLY PREFER THAT THESE BE LIMITED TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON BOTH SIDES.

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4. HUNT SAID THAT HMG HAD PLAYED NO RPT NO ROLE THAT HE
KNEW OF IN BP/ ABU DHABI DEAL.

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